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1. EP 1 000 968 A1 published May 17, 2000, to Bayer Aktiengesellschaft. This application corresponds to USP 6,359,045.
2. EP 1 057 860 A1 published May 24, 2000, to Bayer AG. This application corresponds to US Publication No. 2002-058760.
3. EP 0 601 303 A1 published October 8, 1993, to Hüls Aktiengesellschaft. This application corresponds to USP 5,442,099.
4. GB 1,004,272 published September 15, 1965, to Morton Salt Company.
5. US 2,145,808 issued January 31, 1939, to Sibley et al.

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6. GB 412,635 published July 5, 1934, to Farbenindustrie AG.
7. GB 545,838 published June 16, 1942, to Du Pont De Nemours and Company.
8. U.S. Patent No. 3,931,090 issued January 6, 1976, to Amatangelo.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the U.S. patents.

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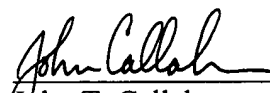
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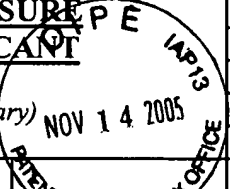
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